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**SURVEY ON VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS IN  
SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

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**DEFINITIONS USED IN THIS SURVEY**

**Vocational Program:** For this survey, a vocational program is defined as a sequence of courses designed to prepare students for an occupation (e.g., nurses' aide) or occupation area (e.g., health care) that typically requires education below the baccalaureate level. It does not include career exploration or other introductory courses that prepare students for adult life or for work in general (e.g., consumer and homemaking, industrial arts).

**Skill competency:** A skill competency is a concept, skill, or attitude that is essential to an occupation; the level of attainment or performance established for a skill competency is a skill standard. In this survey, we use the term "skill competencies" to refer to both skill competencies and skill standards.

Note:

- This questionnaire asks about vocational programs and courses offered by your school only. Do not include vocational programs and courses taken by your students at other schools (for example, regional vocational high schools that serve your school).
- The focus of this survey is the vocational programs and courses taken by secondary students. If your school offers any programs and courses that are taken only by other types of students (e.g., only postsecondary students), do not include those programs and courses.

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- Yes..... ☐ (Continue with question 2.)
- No ..... ☐ Thank you. Please complete the respondent section on the front of the questionnaire and return the questionnaire to Westat.

- Indicate in **column A** whether your school offers a **vocational program** that prepares students for that occupation. **NOTE:** A vocational program may include a sequence of courses in a single occupation (e.g., carpentry) or a cluster of courses in an occupational area (e.g., construction, healthcare). If it is a cluster program, check each occupation covered by the cluster.
- Indicate in **columns under B** what procedures are used to ensure that courses teach relevant job skills. (Procedures may not be the same for all occupation areas.)

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3. For each of the occupations for which your school offers a **vocational program**:

- Indicate in **column A** whether a list of **skill competencies** has been developed or adopted for the program.
- If a skill competency list has been developed or adopted, indicate which one of the **columns under B** best describes how educators and industry (business, labor, and/or employers) were involved in developing or adopting the competencies. (Involvement may not be the same for all occupation areas.)

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4. For each of the occupations for which your school offers a **vocational program**:
- Indicate in **columns under A** the criteria used to determine whether a student is a **vocational program completer** (criteria may not be the same for all programs).
  - Indicate in **columns under B** whether the program is designed to prepare students to (1) take a state or industry regulatory exam (i.e., to attain a state or industry certificate, license, or registration), and/or (2) earn a vocational/occupational skill certificate.

| Occupation area/occupation                    | A. Criteria used to determine whether a student is a vocational program completer |   |                                  |  |  | B. Program prepares students to:                                       |                          |  |                          |
|---|---|---|----------------------------------|--|--|--|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|
|   | No criteria used – program completers not identified                              | End of program exam (not course or graduation exam) | Pass specific vocational courses | Minimum grade point average in program | Pass specific academic courses, different from graduation requirements | Take state or industry regulatory exam (e.g., to attain state license) |                          | Earn a vocational/occupational skill certificate |                          |
|   | (Check ALL that apply in each row.)   |   |                                  |  |  | Yes  | No                       | Yes  | No                       |
| <b>Business &amp; Marketing Occupations</b>   |   |   |                                  |  |  |  |                          |  |                          |
| a. Accountant/bookkeeper                      | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>                            | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Administrative assistant/secretary         | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>                            | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Restaurant/food service manager            | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>                            | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. Sales associate                            | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>                            | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Technical &amp; Mechanical Occupations</b> |   |   |                                  |  |  |  |                          |  |                          |
| a. AC/heating/refrigeration repair tech.      | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>                            | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Auto body repairer                         | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>                            | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Automotive mechanic/technician             | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>                            | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. Computer programmer                        | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>                            | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. Computer graphic designer                  | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>                            | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f. Computer/electronics technician            | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>                            | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| g. Engineering technician                     | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>                            | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| h. Drafter or CADD operator                   | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>                            | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| i. Machinist                                  | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>                            | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Building Trades</b>                        |   |   |                                  |  |  |  |                          |  |                          |
| a. Bricklayer or mason                        | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>                            | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Carpenter                                  | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>                            | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Electrician                                | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>                            | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. Plumber                                    | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>                            | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. Welder                                     | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>                            | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Health/Life Sciences Occupations</b>       |   |   |                                  |  |  |  |                          |  |                          |
| a. Emergency medical technician               | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>                            | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Medical or dental assistant                | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>                            | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Nurse or nurses' aide                      | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>                            | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. Medical/life science lab technician        | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>                            | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. Agriscience/technician                     | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>                            | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f. Veterinary assistant                       | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>                            | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Service Occupations</b>                    |   |   |                                  |  |  |  |                          |  |                          |
| a. Chef/cook                                  | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>                            | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Cosmetologist                              | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>                            | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Childcare worker or teachers' aide         | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>                            | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. Paralegal/legal assistant                  | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>                            | <input type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                         | <input type="checkbox"/> |

5. Which of the following best describes your school's structure? (Check one only.)

- ☐ Area or regional vocational school (with exclusively or predominately vocational programs)
- ☐ Focused vocational high school (with academic and vocational programs focused on a specific occupation area)
- ☐ Vocational high school (with a broad range of both academic and vocational programs)
- ☐ Comprehensive high school served by an area/regional vocational school
- ☐ Comprehensive high school not served by an area/regional vocational school